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A New Critical Review of the public buildings, &c. by Mr. HIRAM.

XLV. IS very reaſonable to think, that *Somerſet-houſe* was the firſt building in England, that exhibited any reſemblance of Grecian architecture, and wherein much labour and curious workmanſhip was employed. But the ſtone being of a ſoft and looſe texture, ſoon became liable to decay and injury by weather: ſo that now the edifice is almoſt entirely defaced, and very few members remain perfect to inform us, what they originally were. At preſent the moſt remarkable part of this palace is the chapel, built by INIGO JONES, in which the Doric order is enriched in the moſt extravagant manner, as may be ſeen in the 92d plate of the *Principles of antient maſonry*, &c. where the geometrical profile of this order is exactly repreſented, with its meaſures, &c.

XLVI. *York-ſtairs*, which our Critic ſays, 'is unqueſ-'tionably the moſt perfect piece of building that does 'honour to the name of INIGO JONES', is a beautiful abſurdity, pleaſant to the ignorant, and contemptible to the judge. For the entablature which ſhould have been entire, of bold and grand projection, is broken back over each column, as if the architect was fearful, or ignorant of the manner of fixing up the corona between them. The ruſtics about the ſhafts of the columns, tho' well conſidered with reſpect to the ſituation, yet are not ſo with reſpect to the ſmall weight they ſuſtain. The intercolumnation, and the entablature and pediment, as conſiſting of few parts, are good, but the whole would have appeared much better, had the entablature been continued entire.

XLVII. Paſſing by the Gothic frontiſpiece againſt *Northumberland-houſe*, which, of its kind, is very magnificent; I come to that taſteleſs and expenſive building the *Admiralty-office*, the portico of which gives a general diſtaſte, tho' few perhaps can aſſign the reaſon. I ſhall therefore explain how this diſtaſte is produced. The columns are much too high; the forms of their upper parts are falſe; their intercolumnations are much too ſmall for their diameter; and the portico is of too narrow a breadth for the whole front of the building: to which might be added a ſeries of other abſurdities, almoſt without end.

When the architect deſigned this building, he had, no doubt, ſome idea of a portico in his head, which he cauſed to be repreſented on paper, and layed before thoſe for whom the building was erected. I will not undertake to ſhew the reaſon, why his deſign was agreed to; but the manner of execution, I will fully and faithfully deſcribe, which, I believe, was entirely new. In the 1ſt place, he obſerved, that the columns in the portico of St. *Paul's*, were four feet in diameter; and therefore reſolved to make the columns of this portico the ſame. He then orders the maſon to build an Ionic portico of four ſuch columns; but at the ſame time not knowing, whether columns of this diameter would ſuit the given height of the building; or in what manner, it would be affected thereby. However, the directions being given, the maſon gets all his columns, entablature, and pediment ready for raiſing: and being informed at what diſtances they were to be placed, he begins and lays their baſes; erects their ſhafts; and going to fix on their capitals, to his ſurpriſe, diſcovered, that if he had ſo done, and thereon lay'd the entablature, &c. it would cut againſt the middle of the upper windows, and darken all that ſtory, for the whole ſpand of the pediment. —— I need not tell you, how Mr. architect was diſconcerted at this news, not knowing what to do. At laſt he ordered, as I am informed, a cloſe ſcaffold to be erected, to hide the work from the eye of the world, until ſome artifice could be thought on to conceal his ſtupidity. — Now to rectify this unheard of act of ignorance in a maſterly manner, it was neceſſary, either to pull down the columns, and raiſe them to the height deficient, by the help of pedeſtals; or to make new columns of greater diameter, proportionable to the given height of the building: he dared not do the former, for fear of public diſgrace; and the latter he knew not how to perform, as is evident by his firſt ſetting out. He therefore took a middle way, and increaſed the heights of the ſhafts with cylinders, or garden rolling ſtones. The additional height of theſe cylinders, whoſe ſides are parallel, being placed on the diminiſhed ſhafts of the columns, makes them monſtrous to behold, by rendering it ſo much too high for the order. And as the ſhafts are regularly diminiſhed, and the cylinders have no diminution at all, the upper parts of theſe appear to be of greater diameter, than the diminiſhed parts of the columns under them. This will be a laſting monument of the architect's ignorance, as well of his aſſurance, to undertake ſo great and important a work; which, for the money expended, ought to have been made one of the moſt magnificent buildings in the world. —— The uncommon irregular profiles, and ſurpriſing length of the ſhafts, like CURL's *rueful length of face*, mentioned in *the Dunciad*, has cauſed many to think it an entire new order; and divers debates have been thereon, with reſpect to the appellation proper for it. At length 'twas agreed, that Mr. R— ſhould diſtinguiſh it by a new term of art; who, with regard to the height and diſtances of the columns, ſimilar to the hedge-ſtakes driven in right lines, to form the beſt kinds of ſquare hog-ſtyes in Hampſhire (of which he has lately made a new *Critical Review*) dignified it with the title of the *Gruntic order*.

[*To be continued.*]

Mr. BAVIUS,

THO' it may not ſeem altogether in character for one of the long robe to take cognizance of any thing, which has no relation to ſtatutes, or judicial proceedings; yet, Mr. BAVIUS, as the ſtudy of the law is of a confounded dry nature, I think we may be reaſonably indulg'd, if, by way of relaxation, we at any time interfere, and give our opinion in other matters, not immediately relative to our profeſſion.

I believe, Sir, you will own, that we of the Inns of Court, are a body of people that make no ſmall appearance at the Theatres; and upon that ſcore, may be ſuppoſed able to moot any point of theatrical debate with tolerable grace; for if we can't pronounce deciſively on the bench, we may be very good judges of dramatic performances and actors.

You have entertained us (if I may ſo call it) for a conſiderable time with a *New Critical Review of our public buildings*, 'till laſt thurſday, *Octob.* the 31ſt, you were pleaſed, by way of variety, to afford us a criticiſm of another kind. I was at Dick's, according to cuſtom, with a groupe of my brethren, when your 1ſt letter from Mr. SOME-BODY was read. It occaſioned the following converſation, which I was ordered to draw up, to be conveyed through the vehicle of your *Journal*, to the public. Upon the word of a barriſter, it is genuine, and I have diſcharg'd the office of a faithful collector; therefore doubt not of your accuſtom'd impartiality to inſert it.

Well, What think you, gentlemen, ſays NED QUERIE, of this piece of criticiſm? — 'Faith, STEVENS has a potent advocate in SOME-BODY. — 'Egad, and ſo he has, replies TOM FLASH — But the queſtion is, adds dry JACK FARNABY, whether ſuch an advocate deſerves his thanks for entering the liſts in his behalf, before he ſeemed to have any enemy to encounter? To me, this letter appears written with a manifeſt view to injure Mr. R—CH in his pocket, and cruelly cruſh the riſing reputation of Mr. STEVENS. —— How ſo, pray? How ſo? Does not Mr. SOME-BODY congratulate the town on his appearance? Does he not value himſelf, that the town has anſwered his own private judgement of him? Nay, does he not level him with BOOTH, and give him the preference to the moſt celebrated of our preſent actors? And if this been't the utmoſt mark of friendſhip, the devil take me, I'm a ſtranger to it. ——A low and ſhallow artifice, Mr. SMART: nothing more. For whatever Mr. SOME-BODY may pretend, by placing the LAUREAT and Mr. QUIN after Mr. STEPHENS, I can diſcover nothing but rancour and malice, couched under that affected preference. All diſcerning men muſt look on groſs and extravagant encomiums, as the rankeſt kind of ſatyr. I have ſeen Mr. STEVENS every time he has hitherto appeared on the ſtage, and joined to give him that applauſe, which I think due to every one, who promiſes well at his firſt ſetting out. For a young practitioner in any art and ſcience ſtands as much in need of encouragement to bring him to perfection, as the tender plant does of the ſun's enlivening rays: but as too violent a heat dries up, and withers the one; ſo does an exceſs of praiſe the promiſed maturity of the other. In fine, it cannot fail of working one of theſe two effects: either to elate the mind to ſuch a degree, as to render it incapable of improvement; or to fill it with ſuch a conſciouſneſs of inſufficiency, as will ſcarce ever be got over. I will illuſtrate this point to you, Mr. SOLID. You make a promiſing figure at the bar; you have the requiſites to form an able pleader; you have a mellow, harmonious voice, and a graceful delivery; your action is capable of improvement by experience: yet ſhould I publicly maintain you were equal to CICERO, and ſuperior to all your Contemporaries, you would have abundant reaſon to ſuſpect the ſincerity of my compliment.—'Egad, as you ſay, Sir, if the thing is deſign'd as a compliment, 'tis injudicious; and if 'tis not injudicious, 'tis worſe. —— For my part, I can ſee it in no other light, than abſolutely done to ruin this promiſing actor, under pretence of commending him. Indeed, to make you think he means his encomium real, he plays the Critic on the LAUREAT and Mr. QUIN; but this is plainly another ſpecimen of his mean malice. Obſerve him, pray. He attempts an awkward criticiſm on two performers, whoſe abilities for the ſtage were never queſtioned even by their worſt enemies; tells you, the one may be excellent *in ſome few parts in comedy*, and reduces the whole of the other's merit to a *good memory*; on purpoſe that you may ſee through the coarſeneſs of his remarks: which being ſo prepoſterouſly unjuſt, naturally ſhew the whole piece to be an Irony; for if this be not the caſe, Mr. SOME-BODY muſt be a petty ſogger in criticiſm, and looks no farther than the page he peruſes.

Mr. FARNABY was entering into a particular vindication of their ſeveral manner of acting, but the company judg'd it entirely needleſs, 'till Mr. SOME-BODY ſhould ſay more to the purpoſe. I am deſired, in the name of the circle, to adviſe him not to decide for the future on the merits or demerits of actors, but modeſtly to leave that province to the town; whoſe cenſure or applauſe, is abundantly more permanent, than the utmoſt malice, or commendation retailed in a news-paper.

I am, dear BAVY, your conſtant reader,

PHILO STEPHANUS.

Dick's Coffee-houſe, Temple-bar, Nov. 4.

WHEN any piece has been publiſhed in our *Journal*, to which ſome gentleman has thought proper to write an anſwer, we have generally publiſhed it, tho' we have frequently not approved of the contents. Of this we gave an inſtance in our laſt, by publiſhing the letter from Mr. OUTIS, who anſwered that of Mr. SOME-BODY in the following ſtrange manner. 1. He charges him with a contradiction, for ſaying that his '*obſervations* are *invidious*, but at the ſame 'time *juſt*: whereas he only ſays, that 'however *invi-'dious* his *examples* may ſeem, he is perſuaded they are '*juſt*'. 2. He ſays, 'Mr. CIBBER deſervedly is the 'minion of *every perſon* of taſte, as an actor; being al-'lowed by *all* gentlemen of true judgment, to perform 'every character inimitably well: and therefore Mr. 'SOME-BODY is not a perſon of true judgment'. By *every perſon of taſte and true judgment*, Mr. OUTIS means of the like *taſte* and *judgment* with his own; which we are afraid this kind of Logic will not prove to be very *true* and exact. 3. He ſays, ' 'Tis plain Mr. SOME-BODY 'was hired to write this piece, that he cannot be an ho-'neſt man, that he is a vile ſcribler, a mercenary proſti-'tute who wrote for a dinner'. Were this whole allegation true, we cannot ſee, that it clears Mr. CIBBER in the leaſt from the objections brought againſt his manner of acting the two tragic parts: but there is no reaſon to believe any one particular in it. As we can judge of theſe two unknown correſpondents, Mr. SOME-BODY and Mr. OUTIS, only by their letters; from comparing theſe, we muſt declare, that we think the former not more likely to *write for a dinner* than the latter; whoſe piece we are perſuaded hardly deſerves one of *half a crown*.

Mr. PHILO-STEPHANUS will no doubt give more ſatisfaction to our readers by his letter; in which he has more ingeniouſly than ingenuouſly defended a paradox, which we imagine, that neither he himſelf does, nor any one elſe will believe. As to the chief point in queſtion, Whether Mr. CIBBER acts king RICHARD III. and JAGO in the manner repreſented by Mr. SOME-BODY,

he says nothing at all to it, except that *a particular vindication is entirely needless*. If so, it was certainly more *needless* to write so long a letter in answer to Mr. SOMEBODY's, without touching upon the main subject of it. In short, since the charge against the actor is not denied in either of the letters written in his defence, one may justly think, that there is somewhat of truth in it.

We have received a letter from PHILOMALETES,' in which he absolutely denies the *monotony* imputed to Mr. QUIN, and appeals to the ears of the audience.

For the future we shall desire to be excused from publishing any nominal answers to pieces inserted in our *Journal*, unless the writers shall speak directly to the objections which have been raised.

BAVIUS.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

C. *Daily Courant.*
P. *Daily Post-Boy.*
D P. *Daily Post.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiser.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Post.*
W E. *White-hall Evening Post.*
L E. *London Evening Post.*

Hyp-Oratorial puffs and advertisements in October. —— Hyp puffs 3. Oratorial ditto 13. In all 16. —— Hyp-advertisements 4. Oratorial ditto 13. In all 17. —— Increased in the puffs 3. Decreased in the advertisements. 5.

Christened last week males 162: females 165: in all 327. ——— *Buried* males 251; females 247: in all 498. ——— Increased in the burials 4. *SJ. WE. LE.*

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 7. His majesty has been pleased to present his serene highness the prince of Orange with 10,000 l. to defray the expence he was at in the late campaign on the Rhine. *DA.* —— And to promote the right rev. Dr. Cha. Cecil, lord bishop of Bristol, to the bishoprick of Bangor. *C.* ——— Her majesty continues greatly indisposed. *DP.* — Is much better. *DA.* —— And appear'd yesterday at the drawing-room. *C.* —On saturday night her royal highness the princess of Orange arriv'd safe at Colchester, and next morning about 11 at Harwich, &c. *DA.*

Capt. Forbes, brother to Mr. Forbes, secretary to his grace the duke of Newcastle, is appointed governor of the island of Montserrat in the West Indies. *LE.*

Yesterday being the birth-day of his grace the duke of Leeds, who then came of age, there was a grand entertainment given by his grace's steward at the king's head tavern in Pall mall. *DJ.* ——— His grace's tradesmen met there, and (at their own expence) celebrated the same in an elegant manner. *DP.*

Sir John Norris is soon to be created a viscount of Great Britain. *DP.*

Letters from the North insinuate, as if the concourse of Scotch nobility hither, against the next session of parliament, will be extraordinary great, on account, it is suppos'd, of the late election in that kingdom. *DP.*

A plan has been approv'd of by the noblemen and gentlemen, landholders in Oxford and Cavendish-squares, for building several new streets, &c. in that neighbourhood. *DP.*

On sunday Mr. Sherwood, who keeps the Sun inn at Kingston upon Thames, and another person, were robbed in a chaise as they were going to pay a visit at Petersham by 2 highwaymen, to the value of 40 l. *DP.*

Last night his majesty, &c. were at the New Theatre in the Hay-market, to see *Timon le Misanthrope*, and seemed well satisfied with the performance. *DJ.* —— Greatly pleased. *DA.* —— N. B. All the French plays will be advertised only in the *Daily Journal*, and the *Daily Advertiser*. *DJ. DA.*

Died, on monday, Brigadier-gen. Jones, at Bletchington near Woodstock. *DP.* ——— Yesterday morning at Illford in Essex, Mr. Browning, worth upwards of 7000 l. *C.*

From S. Anne's church, as madam Hill was walking,
On sunday evening, and perhaps was talking;
Her pocket was cut off by sharpers nimble,
And in't three shillings, snuff-box, and a thimble. *C.*

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 8. Yesterday his majesty was pleased to order the parliament which stands prorogued to the 14 inst. should be further prorogued to Jan. 14. —— And ordered a paoclamation, for calling them to meet the said day for the dispatch of business. *C.* &c. —— And also, that the convocations should be prorogued to Jan. 15. — *DP. DJ.* —Jan. 24. *DA.* Nov. 11.

On wednesday at noon her royal highness the princess of Orange set sail for Holland in the Fubb's yacht from Harwich. *C.* —— About 3. *P. DA.* ——— About 4. *DJ.*

Last monday Mr. Cheveneux, chaplain to her royal highness, was inducted into the rectory of Gelding, in the county of Nottingham, to which he was lately presented by the earl of Chesterfield. *DA.*

Mr. Vincent Bourne, one of the assistants of Westminster-school, succeeds Tho. Ward, Esq; as house-keeper to the House of Commons, as also Deputy serjeant at arms. *P.*

We hear that his majesty has been pleased to give directions to the lords commissioners for trade and plantations, to prepare a draught of a charter for establishing a civil government and courts of judicature at Gibraltar; where there is to be a mayor, 12 aldermen, and 24 common-council men. *DP.*

Yesterday of oxen a very large quantity,
At the victualling-office were kill'd; and a very great cry
Will be there to morrow, when as many hogs are to dye. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Nov.* 9. His majesty has been pleased to order one serjeant, one corporal, one drum, and 25 private men, to be added to each company in the 8 regiments of foot which came from Ireland; in the whole 2240 men. And that the Britannia, together with 25 other ships of the line, should now be disarm'd, and put into the docks in order to be refitted. *DA.*

Yesterday morning came advice, that last thursday morning, the wind not proving fair, the yachts and convoy, with her royal highness the princess of Orange on board, put back into Harwich. *C. DP. DJ.* —— Was drove back on thursday night. *P. DA.*

Ric. Edgecumbe, Esq; joint vice-treasurer and receiver-general of Ireland, is made lord warden of the stannaries, in the room of the late lord visc. Falmouth. *LE.*

Last thursday count Philip Kinski, the emperor's minister, deliver'd to his majesty his letter of revocation; and is succeeded by his brother count Joseph Kinski. *P.*

Yesterday the right rev. Dr. Tho. Sherlock, lord bishop of Salisbury, was confirm'd at Bow-church. *P. DP. DA.* —— After which he paid homage to his majesty. *P. DJ.* ——— When his majesty was pleased to present to him the collar as chancellor of the most noble order of the garter. *DA.* —— We are well assured, that Dr. Harris, archdeacon of York, will succeed his lordship as master of the Temple. *DP.*

The following poems in English and Latin, are said to be written by the rev. Dr. Swift, D. S. P. D.

On his own Deafness.

Vertiginosus, inops, surdus, male gratus amicis:
Non campana sonans, tonitru non ab Jove missum;
Quod mage mirandum, saltem si credere fas est,
Vix clamosa meas mulier jam percutit aures.

Deaf, giddy, helpless, left alone,
To all my friends a burthen grown:
No more I hear my church's bell,
Than if it rang out for my knell:
At thunder now no more I start,
Than at the rumbling of a cart:
Nay, what's incredible, alack!
I hardly hear a woman's clack. *LE.*

Yesterday an eminent city physician, shew'd cause in the court of King's-bench at Westminster, why an information should not go against him, for beating a surgeon at Child's coffee house; but the court disallow'd the cause, and made the rule absolute. *LE.* —*The* surgeon *designs to* dissect *the* physician's *pocket:* Mr. Conundrum *says, to turn* cut-purse secundùm legem.

Died yesterday morning in Great Queen-street, the hon. brigadier Hobart. *P. DJ.* —— Brigadier general. *DP. DA.*

On tuesday Mr. Jenkins, deputy of lord mayor's ward,
Paying due respects to his lordship; not enough on his guard,
By some unperceptible means, some legerdemain catch,
Lost at once his handkerchief and a gold watch. *DP.*

MONDAY, *Nov.* 11. Yesterday the rev. Dr. Bundy preached before his majesty at St. James's. *C. P.* —— And the rev. Dr. Egerton before her majesty. *C. DA.* —— His majesty has been pleased to present the rev. Mr. Etough, M. A. to the living of Therfield in Hertfordshire, worth near 400 l. per ann. *C.*

'Tis observable, that the fleets at Spithead and Brest went into harbour so near the same time, that it is not easily to be determined which receiv'd the first orders. *DA.* —— The lords of the Admiralty have ordered a squadron to sail for the West Indies. *P.*

Yesterday morning a man well dressed was found drowned at Westminster-bridge. *C.* —— Having 2 gold rings on his fingers, 10 s. in silver, and a pocket-book about him. *P.* — Dressed in a pee jacket, green waistcoat, and a velvet pair of breeches. *DJ.*

Mr. Paget is appointed master joiner of his majesty's yard at Deptford. *P.* — Mr. Boggett. *DJ.* —— Mr. Bagget. *DA.*

A fellow at Dublin was committed to the Black Dog,
For eating piece of a man's little finger. *P. A strange Irish hog.*

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 12. Yesterday morning 104 slaves landed at Whitehall-stairs, and were conducted, by 2 and 2, to the Admiralty-office, where the right hon. Sir Charles Wager was pleased to give orders for them to be conducted to several ale-houses in King-street, to be refreshed; and at one o' clock they were admitted into the royal garden at St. James's, where his majesty was pleased to view them; after which they proceeded to Ironmonger's hall, being headed by Capt. Sherley, and 8 other captive slaves. *C.* —— Capt. Shelley. *P.* — Redeemed at Mequinez: they were 126 mariners and passengers, and 9 masters and commanders, 2 having died that morning. *DP.* — The number brought home is 132, 12 having died, and 7 being sick remained on board. *DJ.* —— The king ordered them 100 guineas. *DP. DJ.* ——— The duke, princesses, &c. about 56 more. Sir Charles Wager gave 50 guineas. Their ransom cost his majesty 74 l. 10 s. per man, at 144 persons. *DP.*

The marchioness of Blanford, wife to Sir Will. Wyndham, Bar. is far advanc'd in her pregnancy; as is the dutchess of Marlborough, and the lady of the hon. John Spencer, Esq; *DP.*

Yesterday the best beef sold in Smithfield market at 10 d. per stone alive, and the best mutton at 9 d. *DP.*

M. Zeuschner, the king of Prussia's secretary at this court, is ordered home. *LE.*

We hear from Canterbury, that one Tho. Aldridge buried his wife on sunday the 3d, and courted another the tuesday following; and because she gave him a denial, he went home and hang'd himself, but was luckily cut down before quite dead, and the tuesday after was married to her. *LE.* ——— *It is probable he* hanged himself *in jest, and may* hang himself *in earnest.*

Died, on saturday at Kingston, Will. Griffiths, Esq; of Shireton, Oxfordshire, possessed of 2500 l. per ann. — On sunday at Chelsea, Mr. Jacob Wachter, who supped about 9, and died at 11 the same night. *P.* ——— In Charles-street, Soho, the wife of Mr. Baker, an apothecary, as she was dressing herself, being seiz'd with an apoplectick fit. *P. DJ.*

In this day's *Quack*-Doctor is published a Poem,
By the author of a celebrated satyr: (*the world don't know 'em*)
Which Poem has been judg'd in manuscript to be
A great master-piece. *DJ. By the author and Mr.* HENLEE.

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 13. Yesterday the right hon. the countess of Suffolk, one of the ladies of her majesty's bed-chamber, resigned her places, and retired from her apartment in the royal palace, to her brother the lord Hobart's in St. James's square. *P. DP.* —— And dresser to her majesty. *DJ.* ——— Groom of the stole to her majesty. *DA.*

The right hon. the earl of Salisbury has presented his majesty with his red deer. *DA.*

We hear that there will be a lottery next year for raising 500,000 l. and that the land-tax for the year ensuing will be 3 s. in the pound. *DJ.*

Married, Yesterday Geo. Bentley of Whorwell in Hampshire, Esq; to Mrs. Barker of Enford in Wiltshire, a beautiful young lady, with a fortune of 25,000 l. *P.*

Died, a few days ago at Paris, her grace the dutchess of Portsmouth. *DP.* — Last thursday at Scarborough, in his 90th year, Lewis Watson, Esq; a gentleman possess'd of near 4000 l. per ann. *DA.*

Yesterday morning a middle-aged man was found hanged on one of the trees in the upper Green-park; and about the same time a woman was found drowned in Rosamond's pond. *P.* ——— Found hanging on the rails belonging to the ice-house. *DA.* ——— so low that his knees touched the ground: one Gun, who kept the Gun, a brandy-shop *in* Bedfordbury. *DJ.*

The *Daily Post-Boy* and *Journal* of this day,
Of puffing a new Paper have found a new way,
Thereto *prompted*, no doubt, says CONUNDRUM by *prompt* pay.

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

On Doctor GUN-SMITH's *famous* Anodyne Pills.

HAIL sovereign pill, unerring, certain cure,
For all the ills poor wretched men endure;
Be't grief of mind or bonily disease,
This grand Speciphick gives immediate ease
Let Doctors write and nauseous drugs prescribe
Or parsons preach up Scripture for your guide
'Tis ten to one if either does avail
But thou, if right apply'd canst never fail

One ſingle doſe, (no nauſeous taſte or ſmell)
Gives inſtant help, and makes the patient well;
What mortal then by grievous pains oppres't,
Or by tormenting cares deprived of reſt
Would truſt a cheating quack, or canting prieſt?
When this cheap doſe, a friendly piſtol-ball
Gives ſure relief, and perfect cure to all

N. B. This gentleman by his riming, ſpelling, and pointing, ſeems to be a great poet and ſcholard.

To the author of the foregoing VERSES.

When brutes irrational reſign their breath,
Of *all* their *ills* a *cure* they find in death.
But whether man the like will find, at leſt
Uncertain is by all the world confeſt.
In Bedlam fetters then he ought to dance,
Who'd run the riſque of ſuch a dreadful chance.
But grant it none, your *Doctor* GUN-SMITH's *pill*,
Like other doctors, does not always kill.
Sometimes the hand, rebellious to the heart,
Trembling can't pull the trigger down with art;
The piſtol miſſes fire, or fires in vain;
The ſcull's vaſt thickneſs guards the little brain.
Then has the *doſe* both *nauſeous taſte* and *ſmell*;
Smells of damnation, and *taſtes* ſtrong of hell.
Strait, at his own requeſt, to Atheiſt's rant
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MAEVIUS.

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FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Nov.* 7. —— *Paris, Nov.* 13. N. S. An ordinance was publiſhed the 2d, injoining all Engliſh, Scots, and Iriſh, without trade or employment, from 18 to 50, to inliſt themſelves in the Iriſh regiments, under pain of the galleys. *C. P. DJ. DA.* My brother *DP.* wiſely obſerves, that in a leſs pacifick conjuncture, this would ſeem a Dilemma to all the Britiſh ſubjects in France, &c.

FRIDAY, *Nov.* 8. —— *Vienna, Oct.* 30. We have advice from Conſtantinople, that the prime Vizir cited the embaſſadors of Ruſſia, Grrat Britain, and Holland, before him, purely to aſſure them, that the Porte was reſolv'd to obſerve religiouſly the peace with Chriſtian powers. *DP.* —— *I find by the* DA. *that theſe* embaſſadors *were only* ſent for, *not* cited.

SATURDAY, *Oct.* 29. N. S. The Porte ſeems reſolved to make a rupture with the European powers, by the great preparations carrying on, notwithſtanding the approaching peace with the Perſians. *P.*

Berlin, Nov. 2. M. Sonperville, a French phyſician from Stetin, is come to Potſdam, where are now ſeven phyſicians; which makes it believed his Pruſſian majeſty can hardly live long. *DJ.* — *It would be ſtrange if he ſhould.*

MONDAY, *Nov.* 11. —— *Worms, Nov.* 9. The Imperialiſts left this town the 30th, and yeſter night between 2 and 3000 French foot arrived here. *C.* —— The marſhal duke de Noailles arrived here alſo this day: 55 batallions and 20 ſquadrons are on full march to form a camp in this neighbourhood. *P.* —— 30 battalions. *DP. DJ.*

TUESDAY, *Nov.* 12. —— *Berlin, Nov.* 9. Yeſterday an inciſion was made in the calf of his majeſty's leg, from whence there came a great quantity of ſharp water. The phyſicians and ſurgeons begin to entertain hopes of his majeſty's recovery. *P. DJ.* —— On the 10th the nuptials of the princeſs Sophia, his majeſty's 4th daughter, were ſolemniz'd with great magnificence. This princeſs was born in 1720, and has a younger ſiſter about 10 years of age. *DA.*

Vienna, Nov. 6. The marriage of the duke of Lorrain with the eldeſt archdutcheſs is put off till the war is over. *DP. DA.*

WEDNESDAY, *Nov.* 13. —— *Genoa, Oct.* 30. They write from Cadiz, that the Spaniſh and French ſquadrons ſtill continue in that bay. *DP.*

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